GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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National Tiger Conservation Authority
Nayak Shri B.V.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has decided to set up tiger safaris adjoining all its major tiger reserves;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of tiger reserves proposed to be covered thereunder;
(c) whether NTCA has also decided to develop a standard operating procedure that would guide the reserves on setting up of such safaries and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether this move would bring in additional revenue which can be used for the welfare of endangered species?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) As per the Project Tiger guidelines, tiger safaris may be established in the buffer areas of tiger reserves which experience immense tourist influx in the core/critical tiger habitat (CTH), to reduce pressure on core/CTH. The National Tiger Conservation Authority has given in-principle approval for establishing safari in Kanha and Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The National Tiger Conservation Authority has issued guidelines, namely "Guidelines to Establish Tiger Safari in Buffer and Fringe Areas of Tiger Reserves" in consultation with the Central Zoo Authority. The same is available in public domain at www.projecttiger.nic.in.

(d) Yes Sir.

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